

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Minoru TESHIGAWARA ) : Examiner: Brandon Hoffman  
Application No.: 09/879,994 ) : Group Art Unit: 2136  
Filed: June 14, 2001 ) : Confirmation No.: 4699  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND )  
APPARATUS AND IMAGE :  
PROCESSING SYSTEM ) December 26, 2007

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2007, please amend the application as follows: